

**ST. NICK TOLD HOW
TO AID POST OFFICE**

Christmas Parcels Should Be
Securely Packed and Prop-
erly Addressed.

MAIL EARLY, IS WARNING

Observance of Rules Will Pre-
vent Delay and Save Much
Extra Labor.

Old St. Nicholas is a good old soul, but he always manages to give the post office a vast amount of extra trouble. Realizing this, Postmaster Thomas G. Patten sent a few hints yesterday to the white whiskered old person who, as is well known, uses the United States mails nowadays in preference to the antiquated and obsolete Reindeer Express. If Nick will follow these hints he will be just as happy—or a lot happier—and the post office people will be spared hours of extra labor and much tribulation of spirit.

Mr. Patten suggests that all Christmas parcels be very securely packed, because in the usual course of handling parcels have to be stacked and piled and something is likely to give way under the weight and strain unless the packing job is well done. Umbrellas, canes, golf sticks and such things should be reinforced by strips of wood or exceedingly well wrapped. Hats should be put in boxes and marked "fragile." Cut flowers and candy should be sent in tin or wooden boxes. Uncle Sam hasn't much use for pasteboard boxes.

St. Nicholas is especially warned to keep the address side of parcels free from any marking or decoration save the plainly written address. "Merry Christmas" messages or cheerful "Do not open until Christmas" hints should be written on some other side of the parcel than the address side. And there is a special warning against placing Christmas stamps or stickers on the address side of mail matter. Just one kind of stamp is allowable, and that is the brand issued by our Uncle Samuel. Postage must be fully prepaid on all parcels. Addresses must be written in ink.

Uninsured parcels weighing four ounces or less may be mailed at the most convenient point. They may be mailed in street package boxes and at all numbered stations, as well as at the general post office, but parcels weighing more than four ounces should be mailed at the general post office, the Grand Central Terminal station or the Pennsylvania Terminal station, preferably; although they may be mailed at a local substation. Parcels containing perishable matter should be marked "perishable." All valuable domestic parcel post matter should be insured, the rate being 3 cents for value up to \$5, 5 cents up to \$25, 10 cents up to \$50 and 25 cents up to \$100. Care should be taken to procure and fill out the necessary tags.

Mail for persons on United States Navy vessels is subject to domestic postage rates and conditions and should be addressed with the name of the vessel, care of Postmaster, New York, N. Y. Information regarding mail for the American expeditionary forces may be obtained at any branch post office.

The post office's main concern is that people shall mail their parcels EARLY. Get them in several days before Christmas.

NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS TRIED.

Experiments Being Made With
Green and Red Lights.

For the last week the Police Department has been trying out a new traffic regulator, which, according to traffic policemen, with slight improvement will go a long way in expediting traffic of all sorts at many points along the main thoroughfares.

The device, somewhat on the style of the old gas posts, is placed at the center of intersecting streets. By manipulating a knob at the base the traffic officer is able to cause two of the four faces of the lamp to show green and the remaining two red. The green lights direct traffic to proceed and the red indicate a full stop.

The device has been seen at Broadway and Forty-fourth street for the last week and last night was stationed at Fifty-seventh street and Fifth avenue.

**RED CROSS PRAISES
WOMEN WHO KNIT**

Articles Highly Appreciated
by Officers and Men in
Service.

CALLED "FACTOR IN WAR"

More Than 50,000 Letters of
Appreciation Cited as An-
swer to Critics.

Hear ye! all women who knit, for John Howland Lathrop, representative of the Military Relief Department of the Atlantic division of the American Red Cross in the Third Naval district, speaks out in enthusiastic appreciation of what the women of New York and of the whole country have done in the way of providing indispensable mufflers, wristlets, helmets and other comfortable for the soldiers and sailors. No matter who sneers at the women's work or who hints that their knitting is foolishness, Mr. Lathrop is for the women and the value of their service.

"As the result of five months service for the Red Cross in the Third Naval district," said Mr. Lathrop yesterday, "I feel certain that if I could tell the story of my experience to the host of women knitters throughout the country they would feel amply rewarded for their labor. Rumors of various sorts suggesting that the knitted articles have either been misused by the sailors or are an unnecessary luxury have raised doubt in many minds. But I have on file something like 50,000 letters of appreciation from officers and men, and these appreciations should put an end to that sort of criticism."

Articles Highly Appreciated.
"My personal interviews have fortified me in the conviction that the articles are a very valuable addition to the excellent outfit which the Government provides, and that they also create in the minds of the men a feeling that the people, the homefolk, are enthusiastically back of them and are eager to help. That feeling is of big value in heartening our fighters."

"The country would be extremely foolish not to make use of the great informal factory of women knitters for making our fighters comfortable. The supply officer at the Brooklyn navy yard, who was at first sceptical as to the need of knitted things, now praises them highly after he has examined complete sets provided by the Red Cross and obtained from the women. An officer on one of our fighting ships said to me the other day:

"If you had been with us recently you would have found that all the sweaters and things you could lay your hands on would not have been enough to keep you warm."

Duplication Is Avoided.
"The cordial reception I have got wherever I announced myself as a Red Cross man ready to provide knitted things to the men proves to me that these articles have proved themselves indispensable. The work has now been organized so as to avoid duplication. In every station in my district I have a responsible representative who makes the distributions and keeps accurate record. Our idea has been to fit out every man in barracks, but our first concern has been for the men that were going to sea. Recruits who have not yet received their first pay and who happen to need some comfort article not in the regular navy list have been supplied."

Mr. Lathrop adds that the evidence is overwhelming that the patriotic service of the women of the United States in supplying homemade things to the fighters is a big factor toward winning the war, and that the women need pay no attention to slurs and sneers. Any time they want a recommendation they can get it from the American Red Cross.

Witnesses See Military Drill.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—The President and Mrs. Wilson were among those attending an exhibition drill by cavalry and artillery units at Fort Myer today under the auspices of the Army Relief Society.

Canadian Guns to Salute T. R.
TORONTO, Nov. 24.—An artillery salute of nineteen guns will be fired in honor of Col. Theodore Roosevelt on his arrival in this city next Monday to speak in behalf of the Canadian Victory Loan.

CONSERVE FOOD—Everyone must help to win this War**B. Altman & Co.**

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ment for Women's House Gowns.

These Robes are in four attract-
ive styles, modeled in wide-wale
corduroy of excellent quality,
and lined with flowered mull.
(Third Floor)

**A Special Offering of
French Hand-made Filet
Lace Panels,
Bedspreads and Curtains**

will take place to-morrow on the
Fourth Floor.

The price advantages will be
exceptional.

French Hand-made Filet Lace
Window Panels
each \$9.00, 12.50, 15.00, upward

French Hand-made Filet Lace
Curtains
pair \$22.50, 24.00, 27.50, upward

French Hand-made Filet Lace
Bedspreads
each \$27.50, 33.00, 37.50, upward

At the same time

**A Selected Number of Decorative
Lace Pieces**

consisting of Scarf, Pillow
Covers, Chair Backs and Arm
Pieces, will be on sale

at unusually low prices

(This Sale will afford an appreciable
opportunity for the economical pur-
chase of really beautiful holiday
gifts)

Practical Gifts

Knitting Needles (sterling silver)
Yarn Holders (sterling silver)
Tatting Shuttles (sterling silver)
Bonbon Dishes (sterling silver)
Women's Wrist Watches (sterling
silver)
Vanity Cases (sterling silver)
Rose Jars (sterling silver)
Mahogany Sewing Tables
Chess Sets for travel use
Poker Sets
Playing Cards in leather case
Perpetual Calendars
Vest Pocket Kodaks
Kodak Albums
Reading Glasses

**The Sale of
Belgian Hand-made Laces**

held during the past week by special arrangement with
the Commission for Relief in Belgium

will be continued on Monday and Tuesday

These Laces must, in order to further the work of the
Commission, be immediately disposed of, the money
being most urgently needed for Belgian relief.

In addition to the finished pieces in this extraordinary collection,
there is a large quantity of exquisite yard laces that would
ordinarily be marked \$10.75 to \$150.00 per yard. These may now
be obtained at \$3.85 to \$50.00 per yard.

This remarkable Sale affords an unprecedented opportunity for
securing, at an infinitesimal fraction of their real worth, laces
that will prove equally valuable as gifts or personal possessions.

The Sale is being held on the Fifth Floor.

**An Important Sale of Linens
Practical and Decorative
to be held to-morrow and Tuesday**

in anticipation of Thanksgiving needs, will present an
unusually advantageous buying opportunity, the prices
being exceptionally low for these excellent qualities.

Heavy Linen Damask Table Cloths
each \$2.50, 3.25, 3.90, 4.50

Heavy Linen Damask Napkins
per doz. \$3.75, 4.50, 4.75, 5.25

Double Satin Damask Table Cloths
each \$5.00, 6.00, 7.50, 9.00

Double Satin Damask Napkins
per dozen \$6.75, 7.75, 10.75

Huckaback Room Towels
per doz. \$3.75, 4.50, 5.50, 6.00

Turkish Bath Towels
per doz. \$2.65, 3.00, 3.75, 4.50

Madeira Luncheon Sets (13 pieces)
Hand-scalloped and Hand-
embroidered
per set \$4.00, 5.75, 7.75

Madeira Centerpieces
Hand-scalloped and Hand-
embroidered
each \$2.75, 3.50, 4.25

Irish Hand-embroidered Dresser
Scarfs
Hemstitched each \$1.75

Fine Hand-crocheted Luncheon
Sets (25 pieces)
per set \$7.50

Fine Linen Centerpieces
decorated with hand-made filet
and Venise laces combined with
broderie Anglaise, each \$9.00

Plate Doylies to match
each \$1.50

Tumbler Doylies to match
each 65c.

The regular stock of the Linen Department includes a splendid
assortment of beautifully decorated Table Linens, especially
appropriate for Thanksgiving, Christmas and anniversary use.
Many of these sets are shown at prices that are sufficiently
moderate to make a general appeal.

Practical Gifts

especially suitable for soldiers' use are:

Wool Sweaters
Wool Helmets
Wool Mufflers
Wool Wristlets
Wool Underwear
Wool Half-hose

Khaki-color Hand-
kerchiefs
Trench Mirrors
Money Belts
Safety Razors
Leather Washbowls

Toilet Necessaries
Fountain Pens
Comfort Kits
Tobacco Pouches
Sewing Kits
Photograph Cases

**Women's Fashionable
Suits**

(fur-trimmed or plain-tailored)

skillfully made, of choice materials,
are on sale at

\$90.00, \$115.00 & \$190.00

these being large concessions
from former prices.

(Dep't for Imported and Special
Costumes, Third Floor)

**A Clearance Sale of
Women's Coats**

to commence to-morrow (Monday)

will comprise a number of smart
styles, developed in desirable
materials, which have been
marked (because of incomplete
sizes) at the greatly reduced
prices of

\$22.50, \$38.00 & \$48.00

Many of the Higher-cost Coats
and Wraps (including imports
as well as American origina-
tions) have also been subjected
to severe price revisions and are
now marked at

\$85.00, \$125.00, \$175.00, upward

(Women's Coats, Third Floor)

**Over 20,000 Yards of
Choice Dress Silks**

(arranged in lengths suitable for
dresses, blouses, skirts, bags,
and decorative articles) will be
on sale, commencing to-morrow,

at extraordinary price reductions

Included in this unusual offering
will be imported novelty silks:
soft, lustrous satins; sheer
crepes; black silks, white silks
and sports silks.

Practical Gifts

Flexible Bracelets (14-karat gold)
Opera Glasses
Opera Bags
Wrist Bags
Folding Clocks for travel use
Leather Card Cases
Leather Wallets, mounted in
14-karat gold
Men's Smoking Jackets
Men's Bath Robes
Women's Negligees
Women's Matinee Jackets
Pocket Flasks
Electric Grills (nickel-plate)
Electric Chafing Dishes (nickel-
plate)
Household Thermometers

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